

Filing in opposition to 11306

The following submissions are from international amateurs who have concerns about the proposal submitted by the ARRL. Since we all share the bands I have filed these comments for these individuals. I thank our friends for their interest in our problems and their support.

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AMfone - Your online guide to AM and Vintage radio

Austrailia

The proposals will limit the extent of my unique AM transmission mode experiments, with other amateurs in the U.S..

I am against having such needless and uninforcable limits placed on bandwidths.

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AM is a fine mode, especially for the good audio quality to be reached.

I enjoy experimenting with it and I learned much about the technic to be used from the many websites designed by the AM people in the States.

When AM is not allowed anymore this technical knowledge is getting lost in more of less time. It would be a loss for the amateur service worldwide.

Also here in Holland we do have active AM users. On sunday mornings we do have a AM round with about 40 to 50 people taking part in it. So it means that AM lives.

Concluding I do hope you make the right decision and do not cut of a living and an exiting part of the amateur service.

Berto Dekker

Austrailia

Nostalgia may be nostalgia, but home brewing AM is what is needed to sharpen and promote new technical skills. If you want to argue about excessive bandwidth then spread spectrum has also to go. The real issue is to occupy our spectrum before internet over powerlines and CB pirates take over.

73s

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AM is there to stay: we love it, we need it to work the basics and fundamentals of Amateur Radio. That's the way it starts with new SWL and future operators.

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I am opposed to RM11306

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Hello,

Take your hands off AM stations!
AM is the basic for AMateurradio!
Let AM be AM.....

Greetings,

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To Whom it May Concern,

As a user of the AM mode since 1969 in the UK, I am appalled at the petition to ban the mode's use on the HF amateur bands. Amateur Radio is an experimenters hobby. The object is to train the operator in the skills of communication. Operating on AM surely fulfills this object. It also fulfills the technical side of the hobby, in that most AM operators are either homebrewers or involved in restoration of vintage equipment. Rather than discouraging this valid technical activity, the ARRL should perhaps be looking at the commercial exploitation of the ham bands by the manufacturers, who have turned many amateurs into appliance operators. It would be useful if the ARRL championed a set frequency in each HF band to encourage AM experimentation.

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First of all, if bandwidth is an issue on the amateur bands, then I would suggest regulate as to how many amateur licenses are issued instead of over crowding the band and driving other existing modes elsewhere. If the amateur exams were a little harder to pass then you could easily regulate this so called "problem of over crowding" and let the AM mode remain on the lower end of the of the HF spectrum as it always did.

Another question to ask, are SSB users over crowding themselves? My first clue to this is, maybe there are too many existing modern amateur licenses.

A point to rember is as follows; the use of the amateur frequencies is nothing more than a hobby and AM is still a strong part of this hobby all across the US and Canada and should continue to be in the future for years to come.

Amateur radio is also a privilege, not a right, to use this HF spectrum for the existing modes.

Again, amateur radio is 'amateur, not professional radio.

If this little tidbit of the HF band where the existing AM mode operators resides for the dedication of their hobby has to be moved because of Petition (RM-11306) then it is more clearly looking like amateur radio is turning into a right for other's.

Most AM operators have invested very much time and money into their equipment (like myself) and would like to continue this mode for many years to come. What will it be next, no more CW, because the band is "needed" for SSB or Digital use. And again the band is never needed for use unless there is an emergency situation and I am sure when push comes to shove in an emergency situation, all modes will step aside and let emergency communications take place as it always has before. It is mainly for hobby use.

Passing an amateur radio exam today, pulling a digital radio out of a box and getting on the HF bands (which is happening here in Canada now as well because we recently dropped the code requirement) has now started a new microwave oven amateur radio operator.

In a nutshell; if you make the decision to remove the AM mode in the lower portion of the HF spectrum, you have indeed influenced RAC and Industry Canada to follow suit and eventually remove us AM mode operators from this area as well plus disappoint many good amateurs on both sides of our

borders.

Something else that should be brought up in this area; there are many shortwave listeners who also enjoy listening to the amateur AM operators and have invested in this equipment as well.

It worked all those years before and what is different now?? Perhaps like I stated earlier, there are probably too many in here!!

In closing; I hope I have not a brazed other amateurs using modes other than AM and I did not intend to do so. I have met many great hams across the border into the US using this mode and hope to continue to do so in the future. It is indeed a great social gathering and what great friends I have met from all walks of life on AM. For all it's worth because I reside on the other side of the border.

I say NO to (RM-11306)

I am confident the ARRL and the FCC will make the proper decision and discard RM-11306 to a place where we will not have to deal with this again.

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